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1. At the Deputies' Meeting:

a. We discussed again the Department of State's NIS Program. The Director still felt that State should make a reclamor in their Senate Hearings; however, he was not as strong in his expressions as he was heretofore and, in fact, indicated that they should do this for the record if for no other reason. I believe that I convinced everyone that unless the Senate should take this seriously, which is most unlikely, there is no alternative but to take this from our Reserve for Fiscal Year 1960. In this connection I asked Bob Amory to get the Director's approval on the amount to be transferred to State as soon as possible. He is considering a cut in State's Program of somewhere between ten and twenty per cent. I think I also made it clear that the paper which the Director is writing to the Congressional Committees proposing that we pay for the initial production of the NISes and that the other agencies involved pay for the maintenance program will have no effect on the Fiscal Year 1960 Budget. H

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2. Ed Saunders ascertained that the Department of State would present their written material to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Wednesday and that ~~we~~ <sup>They</sup> would appear before the Subcommittee on next Monday, 8 June.

3. Jim Garrison telephoned to say that Mr. Donald Gingery, Commissioner, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, had been in touch with him to ask us to intervene with the Secretary of the Interior inasmuch as Mr. Conrad Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, had declined to let them cut across some National Park land with their highway which approaches the Cabin John Bridge. I told him that I did not think that we could intercede in such an argument. H

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4. [REDACTED] alerted me to the fact that one of the Princeton summer employees had run into trouble on a polygraph test and probably would not be employable. I have

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alerted the Director and Bob is preparing a memorandum which I should have by tomorrow. I want to show it to the Director and seek his guidance as to what further action we should take.

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5. [REDACTED] also reported that one of our Office of Communications employees was picked up in the park over the weekend with \$1,000 in his pocket. He was very confused and disturbed and said that he had been sleeping in the park for two weeks. He was placed in a hospital.

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6. I talked with [REDACTED] at some length about the possibility of his being selected out. I declined to discuss or debate the merits of his case and told him that I did not, in fact, know what I was going to recommend. However, it was my opinion that the most he could hope for would be to be downgraded to something not higher than a grade GS-11. He assumed that he would continue to draw his grade GS-13 salary for two years but I told him that I was not sure about this inasmuch as I thought the law was enacted to take care of people whose jobs were downgraded through no fault of their own which would not apply in his case. I suggested to him that a fight to "clear his name" would probably have the net effect of making his record still blacker and that, under the circumstances, he might want to consider the various options which he has to retire. He seemed to appreciate my discussing the case with him and indicated a sincere interest in exploring the retirement possibilities. I advised Emmett Echols and have asked John to get in touch with me again not later than Thursday.

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